

**Department of Historic Resources
Reconnaissance Level Survey**

Accomack

DHR Id#: 001-0027-0036

Resource Identification

Property Name(s): WFF # E-007 - ASB RCDS Stor/Post Ofc Mail &
File {Current}
Property Date: 1945
Address(s): Stubbs Avenue/Anderson Street {}
County/Independent City: Accomack
Vicinity of: Chincoteague
State, Zip: Virginia 23337
USGS Quad Name: CHINCOTEAGUE WEST
Surrounding area: Rural

National Register Eligibility Status

Property is Historic (50 years or older)

Resource Description

Ownership Status: Public - Federal
Acreage: 0.5

Primary Resource Exterior Component Description:

<u>Component</u>	<u>Comp Type/Form</u>	<u>Material</u>	<u>Material Treatment</u>
Chimneys	Chimneys - None		
Foundation	Foundation - Slab	Concrete	Foundation - Poured
Porch	Porch - None		
Roof	other	Metal	Roof - Standing Seam
Structural System	Structural System - Masonry	Brick	Structural System - 5-course Americ
Windows	Windows - Sash, double-hung	Vinyl	Windows - Replacement Sash

Site Description: Located on the west side of Anderson Street behind E-002 (001-0027-0034).

WUZIT Count:

<u>No.</u>	<u>Wuzit Types</u>	<u>Historic?</u>
1	Military Facility	Historic

NR Resource Count:

Individual Resource Information

WUZIT: Military Facility

Est. Date of Construction: 1945 {Oral/written data} Accessed? Yes
Primary Resource? Yes Number of Stories: 1.0
Architectural Style: No Style Listed Condition: Good
Interior Plan Type: Undivided Space (non-domestic) Threats to Resource: None Known

Description: The westernmost end serves as the entrance to the brick building that features a semi-circular roof. A modern aluminum frame and glass addition has been placed at the northwest corner to create an airlock for persons entering the building. Two modern doors, painted grey, lead into the building. Above this entryway is a blocked window opening above a concrete lintel. At the southwest corner, a two-over-two metal modern window punctuates the elevation. Above it is a louvered metal vent. The south elevation is punctuated by two simple brick additions, one placed at the center of the elevation, and the second toward the southeast corner of the building. A shallow shed roof covers each of these additions. The only distinguishing features are the aluminum gutter and leader system, and a metal ventilator placed in the center of the roof. The easternmost end functions as the service entrance to the facility. A metal door and transom are located in the center of the elevation. To its left and right are larger metal roll-up doors. Above each of these is a metal ventilated window. The north elevation is different in treatment than the south. While it is also brick, a metal door and transom have been placed near the center of the elevation. To the right of the door are a series of modern two-over-two metal windows. A pair of these windows is also found at the northwest corner. Over all these elements are approximately 12 metal brackets that support utilities for the building. A concrete pad is found at the northeast corner of the building.

Cemetery Information

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Bridge Information

National Register Eligibility Information

Historic Context(s): Military/Defense

Historic Time Period(s):..... S- The New Dominion (1941- Present)

Significance Statement: This one-story building, built in 1945, originally served as a training facility for the Chincoteague Naval Auxiliary Air Station (CNAAS). This building was designated as the “training school” on a 1942 drawing entitled “General Plot Plan – Auxiliary Air Station, Chincoteague, Virginia” by Giffels and Valet, Engineers and Architects, Detroit, Michigan. Its function was identified as “aviation training and education” on the 1950 “Map of Navy Auxiliary Air Station and Naval Ordnance Test Station, Chincoteague, Virginia” prepared by the U.S. Navy. It was designated as the “mess hall, Navy exchange & cafeteria” in the 1957 “General Development Plan – Naval Air Station, Naval Ordnance Test Station, Chincoteague, Virginia” by U.S. Navy. Located approximately 40 yards east of the corner of Stubbs Avenue and Anderson Street on the main base portion of the Wallops Flight Facility (WFF), the building is notable for its curved roof.

This simple, utilitarian building is representative of a secondary building type associated with a Military/Defense property, built at the end of the World War I to World War II (1917 – 1945) period. The ASB RCDS Stor/Post Ofc Mail & File building has been evaluated both as a contributing resource in a historic district and as an individual resource. Issues of significance, integrity, and district boundaries were carefully considered. A proposed district comprising this resource lacks integrity of design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association due to the removal of the majority of buildings from the period of significance (1936 to 1959) and the construction of later buildings. Thus a historic district here is not eligible under Criterion A, B, C, or D.

As an individual resource, it is not eligible for listing in the National Register or the Virginia Landmarks Register under Criterion A, B, C, or D as it is not associated with a significant event or individual at the local, state or national level; it does not embody the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or represent the work of a master, or possess high artistic values, or represent a significant or distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction; nor does this property have the potential for providing additional information in history or prehistory.

The resource has lost its integrity due to alterations to the resource and its setting. The resource’s integrity of design, materials, and workmanship has been adversely affected by numerous additions and the replacement of the building’s doors, windows and other original building fabric. Although remaining in its historic location, the building’s integrity of setting, feeling, and association has been adversely affected by the changes made to the surrounding setting of the base of which it was a part; by 2004, the majority of buildings of this period have been demolished, changing the historic character of the physical environment of the building’s historic context.

Bibliographic Documentation

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Reference #: 1

Bibliographic RecordType: Map

Author: Giffels and Valet

Citation Abbreviation:

Notes: Giffels and Valet, Engineers and Architects, Detroit, Michigan. "General Plot Plan – Auxiliary Air Station, Chincoteague, Virginia." 1942.

Reference #: 2

Bibliographic RecordType: Map

Author: U.S. Navy

Citation Abbreviation:

Notes: "Map of Navy Auxiliary Air Station and Naval Ordnance Test Station, Chincoteague, Virginia." 1950.

Reference #: 3

Bibliographic RecordType: Map

Author: U.S. Navy

Citation Abbreviation:

Notes: "Station Development Mapn – Naval Air Station, Naval Ordnance Test Station, Chincoteague, Virginia." 1953.

Ownership Information

Graphic Media Documentation

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Cultural Resource Management (CRM) Events

CRM Event # 1,

Cultural Resource Management Event: Reconnaissance Survey

Date: 2004/07/99

Organization or Person: URS Group

VDHR Project ID # Associated with Event: .. 2003-0571

CRM Event Notes or Comments: 200 Orchard Ridge Drive, Suite 101
Gaithersburg, MD 20878

CRM Event # 2,

Cultural Resource Management Event: Reconnaissance Survey

Date: 2003/08/08

Organization or Person: URS Group

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CRM Event Notes or Comments: 7101 Wisconsin Avenue, Suite 700
Bethesda, MD 20814